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INR

View French request that consultations begin Monday at Bonn, following

SB

summarizes US proposals being airpouched today:

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MOP

Based on Bonn's 1083 and USCINCEUR's EC 9-6394, US proposes resume and

OCB

IRC

maintain regularly scheduled corridor flights above 10,000 feet, initially

CIA

OSD

with USAF C-130s, with commercial operators free to follow whenever considered

ARMY

NAVY

safe and commercially desirable. Rationale (most of which familiar to Embassy)

AIR

RMR

set forth in accompanying discussion paper.

Propose seven day interval between notification to Soviets in BASG of intention resume high flights and dispatch of first C-130. Thereafter, routine notification in BASG. If Soviets protest or harass, we would offer discuss means enhancing air safety in corridors and control zone, ideally through Quadripartite Air Traffic Control Center. QUOTE GER UNQUOTE participation unacceptable.

While offer of air safety discussions in effect, scheduled high flights would continue despite Soviets protests and actions short of those resulting in

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in loss of aircraft. Dispatch of armed aircraft or fighter escort for unarmed transports not repeat not contemplated. Soviet refusal participate in air safety discussions, or discussions having commenced but no repeat no decision reached prior May 16, might render issue suitable for discussion at Summit as element of any interim agreement on Berlin. British and French comments on proposals invited. If agreed tripartite position reached, Secretary would ask President for authority notify Soviets and commence flights.

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